



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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Congressman Jim McDermott
Ways and Means Committee Member
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Dear Congressman McDermott,

RE: EXTENSION OF THIRD COUNTRY SOURCING

Kenya supports and encourages vertical integration in the textile / apparel sector. A number of companies have invested in Kenya due to AGOA while some are being revitalized.

A company known as Progressive LLC Ag Co. from Atlanta, Georgia is conducting feasibility studies in the apparel / textile sector with a view to upgrading it with the latest technology so that quality goods are produced for export market. Currently, Kenya is among sub-Saharan countries that has done well in terms of exports of textile / apparel to USA market. However, the fabric used for the production of garments are sourced mainly from the Far East.

To enable Kenya continue reaping benefits from exports of apparel and at the same time revitalize the cotton / textile sub sector, Kenya requests that the third country sourcing be extended for a period of four years that is up to 2008.

Yours Sincerely,

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